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Preliminary Class

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- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/23/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/25/2002
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/10/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/23/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/23/2006
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